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1. Reserve officers train three afternoons a week. Women are also in training in the Navy, Air Force, and Army; both the Army and Air Force have women officers. State Security troops train with Army units.
2. The armed forces were using the following equipment:
  - a. Tanks: All tanks in use were T-34/85's;<sup>1</sup>
  - b. Self-propelled guns: SU 76.2;
  - c. Antiaircraft guns: Mostly Soviet 76.2;
  - d. Antitank guns: 57 mm. Atkan, model 39;
  - e. Field guns: 76.2 mm., model 42; and
  - f. Gas masks: Soviet hood-type.
3. On 19 April 1952, six jet fighters were seen over Sofia. The planes were type 28 and Yak 17, with wing tip tanks and square-cut wing tips. On 29 April 1952, four Mig-15's were seen.
4. Soviet equipment is still arriving in Sofia. Recently, mobile radar stations arrived, mounted on approximately 24 trucks.
5. Colonel Yarutkiev, a Soviet officer, commands the tank brigade at Gorna Banya. This unit has 120 heavy tanks; other units of the brigade are at Sukhodol and Dupnitsa.

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6. Informant noted the following civil defense preparations:

- a. Civil gas masks are on sale in Ruse;
- b. A central naval club has opened in Stalin;
- c. Civil defense units train with Soviet rifles and radio transmitters; and
- d. Large amounts of blackout paper have been ordered from local industry.

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